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Gang Member Convicted of Killing Woman, Dumping Body in Whittier

A documented gang member was convicted yesterday afternoon of fatally shooting a woman whose body was later found in Whittier, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The jury deliberated for less than a day before finding Anthony Robert Moreno, 40, guilty of two counts in case VA141778: first-degree murder and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Jurors also found true a special allegation that the killing was committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang with the specific intent to promote, further and assist in criminal conduct by gang members.

Additionally, jurors found true that Moreno personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death on the victim.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 1 in Department 125 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Moreno faces a maximum possible sentence of life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney John Chang of the Hardcore Gang Division, who prosecuted the case, said on Nov. 24, 2015, Moreno armed himself with a gun and fatally shot victim Dawn McEveety, 19, in a detached garage of an Artesia home. The residence was a known gang hangout, the prosecutor added.

Following the shooting, the victim's body was placed in a cooler, transported to Whittier and left inside a stolen vehicle, according to the prosecutor.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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